

45-54
-SPFOO1

HOMES LIMITED

Waiting lists for house-hunters are the bogy of Estate Agents. Searchers for homes are all too familiar with the sorry answer - Home hunters include; "for the duration only" tenants; the returning Servicemen; the bombed out; and the displaced persons. Emergency housing is being tackled in Tottenham, North-East London - American pre-fabricated homes, provided under lease-lend, are built in colonies on bombed-out areas. On the foundations of 4 inch thick concrete, crates containing the sections of a four-roomed dwelling, are slung.

The whole house can be erected rapidly by manual labour. The temporary prototype houses are the first of 30,000 to be put up in this country. They fit them together as easily as children's building blocks.

People with collapsible legs can have a positively wizard time on bath nights. No, don't let's go in there, we'll have a look at the kitchen. It's extremely compact but well fitted on caravan lines.

While Tottenham applies its spurs to the housing shortage, Glasgow Corporation puts German prisoners to work on a building site where some hundred and twenty houses are to go up. The building programme generally is being speeded up to help solve the urgent need for more homes. Here in Woolwich permanent pre-fabricated houses costing between eight and nine hundred pounds each are being erected in the present-day manner of building. In ten weeks something like a little suburb will have been fitted and slotted into place.

A novel sight is the slinging into position of a complete kitchen. Everything and the Kitchen stove - in one unit dropped into place and ready for use.

If it's true that the average housewife spends half her life in the kitchen, then Manchester points the way to easing it. At a recent all-electric exhibition interest was roused in a super refrigerator - illuminated, and with a door that opens to the touch of a pedal, it's a frozen asset.

45-54

0-SHF001

-2-

Towel rails are of stainless steel and electrically heated. And while on the subject of modern fittings, here's an idea from Sweden. Furniture ready packed and in sections delivered by post. All you have to do is open the packet and assemble the parts. It's all so simple — you long for something difficult.

All very interesting, yet somehow one never seems to come across these useful aids to living. But then where would we be without some sort of housing Problem.